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SUBJECT: US POLICY ON VIETNAMESE AND ROK APPLICATIONS FOR
UN MEMBERSHIP

1. IN MID-JULY NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM APPLIED FOR UN MEMBERSHIP AND ALSO ESTABLISHED OBSERVER MISSIONS IN NEW YORK. SOUTH KOREA REACTIVATED ITS 1949 UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON JULY 30. ON AUGUST 6 THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AGREED TO CONSIDER SOUTH KOREA'S APPLICATION. IN ACTIONS ON THREE SEPARATE ITEMS ON THE PROPOSED SC AGENDA COVERING THERE APPLICATIONS, THE SC VOTED TO INSCRIBE THE TWO VIETNAM APPLICATIONS (14-0-1) AND REJECTED THE KOREAN APPLICATION (7-6-2) (NINE VOTES REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION) RESULTS ON KOREAN VOTE WERE: IN FAVOR (US, UK, JAPAN, FRANCE, ITALY, COSTA RICA AND SWEDEN), AGAINST (USSR, BYELORUSSIA, CHINA, IRAQ, TANZANIA AND MAURITANIA) AND ABSTENTIONS (CAMEROONS AND GUYANA).

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2. SC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL MEET TODAY AUGUST 7 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND THE ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIETNAMS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH THEN WILL MEET LATER TO CONSIDER FORMALLY THE APPLICATIONS OF THESE TWO GOVERN-

MENTS. WE INTEND TO VETO THE VIETNAMESE APPLICATIONS AT THAT SESSION.

3. IF POSTS ARE APPROACHED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR EXPLANATION OF OUR POSITION ON THE KOREAN AND VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS THEY MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING: THE US ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE, IN DECIDING ITS STAND ON THE KOREAN-VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP PROBLEM, TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. FOR OUR PART WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO RESOLVE THE LAST OF THE DIVIDED STATE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE PLAGUED UN, AND WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO VIETNAMS, AND EVEN NORTH KOREA (SHOULD IT DESIRE MEMBERSHIP), IF SOUTH KOREA'S LONG PENDING APPLICATION IS ALSO ACCEPTED. IN CONTRAST, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE SITUATION IN WHICH NORTH KOREA DETERMINES WHETHER OR WHEN THE ROK WILL BE ADMITTED; "SELECTIVE UNIVERSALITY" WHICH THE COMMUNIST STATES ARE SEEKING TO PRACTICE HERE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US.

4. IF HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ARGUE THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF ROK WOULD PERPETUATE THE DIVISION OF KOREA OR IS AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE 1955 UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, POSTS SHOULD RESPOND THAT WE (AND THE ROK) CONTINUE TO FAVOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. HOWEVER, THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE KOREANS TO WORK OUT. UN MEMBERSHIP IS NOT A BAR TO THE EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, AS EVIDENCED BY THE VIETNAMESE VIEWS THAT UN MEMBERSHIP FOR SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM DOES NOT AFFECT THEIR OBJECTIVE OF EVENTUAL UNIFICATION.

5. SINCE A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE ASKED WHY MATTER COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE APPLICANTS OR WITH OTHER PERMANENT SC MEMBERS POSTS MAY, IF APPROPRIATE, NOTE THAT WE TRIED TO DO THIS. WE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR LAST WEEK IN ADVANCE OF SC MEETINGS TO ALL PERMANENT SC MEMBERS, URGING DELAY IN PRESSING APPLICATIONS TO PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS ON ADMISSION OF ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THREE APPLICANTS. EVIDENTLY SOVIETS AND CHINESE WERE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO DETER VIETNAMESE FROM FORCING ISSUE TO VOTE NOW EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW IN ADVANCE WE WOULD VETO UNLESS SOUTH KOREA ALSO ADMITTED. KISSINGER

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